THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, 28th December 1953.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

I.—CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF DR. T. S. S. RAJAN, AND MESSRS V. I. MUNISWAMY PILLAI AND S. ELLAPPA CHETTIAR.

* MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I regret to inform the House of the death of Dr. T. S. S. Rajan and Messrs. V. I. Muniswamy Pillai and S. Ellappa Chettiar."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move that—

' *This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Dr. T. S. S. Rajan, former Member and Leader of this House whose services to the country in the national struggle and in diverse other ways were of an outstanding character and also at the demise of Sri V. I. Muniswamy Pillai, a former Member of the old Legislative Council and a Minister of the State and Sri S. Ellappa Chettiar of Salem, an old Member of the Legislative Council, and conveys its sympathy to the members of their bereaved families.*'

" Sir, in moving this resolution I must give expression to my personal feelings of grief for every one of these three gentlemen whose names have been included in this resolution. I had the good fortune of being most intimately connected with them. Every one knows my connexion with Dr. Rajan and a large number of people know also my intimate association with Mr. Muniswamy Pillai. But probably very few know that Mr. Ellappa Chettiar was a very old colleague of mine in Salem. He had done a great deal of work in the old Legislative Council where circumstances were far more difficult for a nationalist to render service in those days. Mr. Chettiar was one of those who took their office in the Legislative Council very seriously and with Sri B. V. Narasimham he rendered very great services against heavy odds in those days. I commend this resolution for the acceptance of the House."

* DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is my melancholy privilege to associate myself with the Leader of the House in the sentiments he has expressed in the resolution that he has just moved. It has been my privilege to know all the three persons to whom this resolution refers. Of Dr. Rajan, I knew him quite intimately in his capacity as the Leader of the old Legislative Council and as a Minister in charge of the Food portfolio and later in charge of the portfolio of Medicine. Dr. Rajan impressed his personality on all with whom he